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AND METHOD FOR ITS USE

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Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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Total Claims Fee	17	*22	0	0 x \$26.00	0 x \$52.00	0
Independent Claims	2	** 3	0	0 x \$110.00	0 x \$220.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$195.00	\$390.00	0
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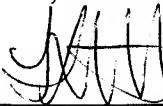
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A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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